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U.S. Ambassador Condemns the Murder of Maguindanao Massacre Witness

U.S. Ambassador Harry K. Thomas, Jr. today said: "I deplore the murder of Mr. Suwaib Upham, who bravely came forward to testify about the tragic Maguindanao massacre. I urge the Philippine authorities to conduct a swift investigation into his death and bring those responsible to justice."

Ambassador Thomas said, "This murder adds additional urgency to the need for swift investigation and prosecution of those responsible for the brutal massacre of 56 people in Maguindanao in November 2009. Too many families still wait justice, and now the Upham family joins them." He stressed that the United States would continue to support the Philippine Government's efforts to build capacity to investigate and prosecute such crimes.

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